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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

46 OF JUNE 2, 2015


PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE GRANTS FROM
THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to accept grant funds and execute grant agreements from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to support air quality improvement projects and programs in amounts up to \$500,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to accept Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee Grants is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to accept grant funds in amounts up to \$500,000 for air quality improvement projects from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee and to execute all necessary agreements and amendments to secure grant funding, subject to approval by County Counsel for a period of 5 years from the date of adoption.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute agreements and amendments required to secure grant funding up to \$500,000 from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). The grants would fund proposed

activities, including alternative fuel vehicle purchases, alternative fuel infrastructure, and active transportation improvements. Delegated authority to the Director or her designee will facilitate timely acceptance and execution of grant agreements and will accelerate the delivery of these projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2). This action will allow use of grant funds to augment the County's existing financial resources to fund programs and projects that protect the environment and improve the quality of life for its residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The cost for projects conducted under these grants will be included in Public Works' annual budget process with associated costs to be financed from the applicable operating funds. Grant funds awarded to Public Works will offset a portion of the cost of various projects.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 11, 2000, the Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a grant management statement for review before they carry out the activities covered under the grant. Subsequent to the Board's delegation to the Director or her designee to accept MSRC grants in amounts up to \$500,000, a grant management statement will be prepared and approved by the Director or her designee for each grant received. Public Works will return to the Board for acceptance of grant funds awarded above \$500,000. Public Works will continue to provide each Board office with annual reports of grants awarded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Delegation of authority to the Director to execute contracts, agreements, reports, amendments, and payment requests necessary to secure grant funding from MSRC is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve a commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

When a project is proposed to be funded with MSRC grant funds, acceptance of the funds would only occur upon a finding by the Director or her designee that the proposed project is exempt or otherwise determined not to be a project under CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will result in augmenting the County's existing financial resources and will reimburse the County for a portion of the cost to improve air quality.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office